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Arcola Creek Watershed Update

Maurine Orndorff, Watershed Coordinator

The Arcola Creek Watershed Action Plan (WAP) was endorsed by the Ohio EPA and Ohio Department of Natural Resources on April 30, 2013. Endorsement allows the watershed communities to qualify for grant funding to address water quality and flooding issues in the watershed. The development of the plan was a cooperative effort, and elements of the plan will be implemented in this spirit as grants are awarded.

The Ohio EPA Environmental Education Fund provided the opportunity to implement some educational objectives, including a geocaching program initiated by the Lake County Visitor's Bureau with caches in the Arcola Creek Watershed, watershed boundary signs, and interpretive signs in the Madison Village Square and at the estuary at Arcola Creek Park on Dock Road.

Five hundred feet of stream will be restored in Fairview Memorial Park in Madison Village next year, with a recent award from the Ohio EPA 319 fund. The stream channel has been eroding for many years and has little resemblance to a healthy stream.

Restoration will include stabilizing the stream channel, grading to provide access to the floodplain, planting trees and shrubs in the stream riparian corridor and creating in-stream habitat for stream macro-invertebrates.

Madison Village also received an award from the Ohio EPA Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF) to install bioretention cells and plant trees in the central business block.

This project will allow stormwater to soak into the soil and be absorbed by plants and trees, rather than running off the concrete surfaces and flooding the stream channel and eroding the stream banks.

Restoring headwater streams was identified as one of the most important goals in the WAP, along with flood reduction in the Village center. Both projects will help accomplish these goals and improve water quality as well. The two projects will be in the design phase over the fall and winter and constructed next spring and summer. Most grants require a match from the community, and residents' stormwater fees are used in part as a match to support these stream restoration projects.

Lake SWCD has many partners that are helping to implement the WAP, including County departments, Village and Township officials and staff, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Western Reserve Land Conservancy and watershed residents.



Top: Watershed Boundary sign on South Ridge Road east of Townline Road. Bottom: Interpretive sign at the Arcola Creek Estuary.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP EVENT

SOIL HEALTH THROUGH THE SEASONS

How to care for a chemical-free lawn, keep your soil healthy, and protect our environment.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014 • 6-8 P.M.
Twinsburg City Hall, Council Chambers, 10075 Ravenna Road

Featuring special presentations by guest experts:

- How to Naturally Manage Your Lawn
Alec McClennan, Owner, Good Nature Organic Lawn Care
- Using Cover Crops to Optimize Soils and Manage Weeds
Ann Brandt, Co-Owner, Walnut Creek Seeds

Free and open to the public, including homeowners, landscapers, public officials, parks staff, community planners, and economic development managers. Registration required by calling Mary at (330) 722-9322 or maungst@medinaco.org by AUGUST 12.

Sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Public Involvement and Public Education (NEOPIPE) work group, funded in part by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources "Healthy Soil Grants."

Interested in chemical-free lawn care?

Join NEOPIPE on August 19 at 6 pm at Twinsburg City Hall to learn about how you can use cover crops and organic methods to have a beautiful lawn naturally.

To register contact Mary at
330.722.9322 or

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Election of Supervisors at FARMFARE

Meet the Candidates

Pat Biliter

Pat was raised in eastern Kentucky by a coal mining family. He broke tradition to become a geologist. After completing his undergraduate and graduate studies at the Ohio State University and UCLA, and Airborne and Ranger training at Fort Benning, Ga., Pat spent the next 30 years overseas working for the Army Corps of Engineers in 90 European, African, Middle Eastern and southwest Asian countries. He retired from federal service in 2001 and settled in Northeast Ohio, now residing in Concord Township. He shares his love natural history and conservation with young and old alike as an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and VIP guide at the Holden Arboretum.



Skip Dugan

Skip was raised on a 70 acre nursery in Perry. This is where he attained a lifelong respect for the land and open spaces. He has served on the Lake County Environmental Education Advisory Board, and is currently an Operations Manager at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Some summer days he can be seen kayaking with his wife Annie on various stretches of the Grand River, enjoying the pristine scenery looking for eagles or turtles.

Larry Klco

Larry and his wife, Tina have owned and operated Rainbow Farms since 1983. He worked tirelessly for over four years to see their farm (and two additional neighboring farms) preserved for perpetuity. He has served on the Lake County Planning Commission, North Perry Board of Zoning Appeals, North Perry Planning Commission, North Perry Comprehensive Planning Committee, Lake County Farmland Task Force and is currently a North Perry Councilman.





FARMAFARE

★ A Celebration of Local Foods ★

LAKE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014
AT THE HOLDEN ARBORETUM

COCKTAIL HOUR AND POLLS OPEN AT 6, DINNER AT 7

Featuring a multi-course farm-to-table dinner with courses prepared by:

- ★ ART ISHMAN, BON APPETIT ★
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- ★ JEAN MACKENZIE AND FAMILY, MACKENZIE CREAMERY ★
- ★ BRIAN DOYLE, SOW FOODS CATERING ★
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Recycled Paper

From the Farmer, to Your Table

Support your local farmers by cooking a meal with local ingredients. Enjoy summer's bounty with this appetizer featuring one of the most prolific summer vegetables, cherry tomatoes. If you can, try to use sungold tomatoes. These golden beauties are super sweet and sure to win over the most avid tomato hater! The tomato topping is equally good atop fish, tofu or chicken.

Sungold Bruschetta

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS

1 pint cherry tomatoes (preferably sungold), halved
2 small sweet red onions (like Italian red torpedo), or 1/4 red onion (like red candy knob), minced
Juice of one lemon
1/4 cup basil (lime, thai, globe or sweet), sliced like confetti
Drizzle of Olive Oil
Salt and pepper to taste
A nice crusty bread

DIRECTIONS

Mix tomatoes, red onion, lemon juice, basil, salt, pepper and a drizzle of olive oil together and let stand at room temperature.

Heat a grill or grill pan to medium-high heat. Place the bread on a baking sheet and brush both sides with olive oil. Grill the bread until golden all over, 2 to 3 minutes per side.

Top grilled bread with tomato topping and serve.



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